

Author of NJ Clean Cars Act says new federal standards will increase fuel efficiency and save taxpayer money

Marlton, NJ – Today, Congressman John Adler applauded new federal standards that will increase fuel economy and regulate greenhouse gas emissions for cars and light trucks. As a member of the NJ State Senate, Congressman Adler sponsored the Clean Cars Act that adopted California auto emission standards into New Jersey law. Today's announcement will bring federal emission standards up to par with New Jersey's.

"We must reduce our dependence on foreign oil, increase efforts to clean our air and water, and make gas more affordable," said Congressman Adler. "This common sense approach will help families and small businesses save money, protect our natural resources, and improve our economy."

In 2004, as a member of the New Jersey State Senate, Congressman Adler introduced and helped pass the Clean Car Act, which adopted California's emission standards. Adler's bill made New Jersey one of only 13 states to adopt California's standards.

Under the new federal regulations, by model year 2016, vehicles will be required to run on an average of 35.5 miles per gallon. According to media reports, these regulations will save New Jersey consumers over \$900 a year at the pumps, curb 3.3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, and reduce gasoline usage by \$352 million gallons this year.